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DAILY EDITION

Tuesday, July 21, 1914.

The delegation Prince Rupert sent to Victoria to fight for our franchises seems to have acted like a bunch of school boys. The power company evidently saw them coming and had the trap set. They represented to the Government that their chief counsellor was indisposed and asked that the sitting be deferred. Of course, it is possible that this was really the case and the request to have it deferred would be quite in order. When such a request is made in a law court the party asking for the power always pays the bill whether it be legal fees or cost of traveling. But Prince Rupert's school boys evidently didn't ask for that. In fact, the Government suggested very kindly that the city present its case and then they could go home and be good little boys and the power company could reply when they were ready.

No doubt that looked fine to those poor inexperienced diplomats who would save a cent even when it might mean the loss of a thousand and who were so obliging that they did not want to place on the Prince Rupert Hydro Electric Company the cost of another trip to Victoria. They accordingly presented their case like pretty little boys giving a recitation never realizing that the enemy was there pencil in hand ready to take advantage of their arguments. What would anybody think of his lawyer who would

give away to his opponent the vital arguments of his case before the case was tried? The lawyer who knows the arguments of his opponent has a big advantage. But not so the dauntless champions of Prince Rupert. Not only did Wm. Manson show his hand before the Executive but he had to go and blab to the Vancouver Province when he should have guarded well the case he intended to make. The power company will now have till August 10th to tear to ribbons the arguments of the city.

Wm. Manson told a public meeting recently that he would have his way with the Government or there would be a fight. In the first round the Hydro Electric drew blood and William never raised a hand. He probably concluded his address with the remark: "Now gentlemen, this is our case. If the Government in its wisdom can see fit to grant our request we shall be delighted. If not I suppose we must be satisfied."

The playing of a game of baseball last Sunday between Prince Rupert and Ketchikan teams has caused a good deal of unfavorable discussion about town. Canadian sentiment all over the country is against the practice of robbing the Sabbath of its reverence. Whatever may be one's private theological views, most thoughtful people believe that the influence of a reasonably observed Sabbath has a last-

ing benefit on the rising generations and because of that they would not like to see it given over to sport. Perhaps under the circumstances there may be a little excuse for the recent game, but public opinion in Prince Rupert would not stand for too many repetitions.

TRACING THE LIFE AND HABITS OF THE HALIBUT

W. F. Thompson Studying the Big Fish of Commerce

W. F. Thompson, of the Provincial Fisheries Department, who is spending the season investigating the halibut, was in Rupert a few days ago.

For two summers previously he has been working on the clams of British Columbia, but this year he was put on the trail of the halibut. Through the big, white fellow is a very important fish and much prized, no one has ever systematically studied him. Little or nothing is known of the breeding habits of the fish or of their age at maturity. What the department is working for—and this is the case with Mr. and Mrs. Sockeye Salmon as well—is an intelligent crop report, one that will give as much as possible the number of available fish in years to come, and also give the best indications in advance of what the run will be like, etc.

Mr. Thompson has so far visited three different halibut banks. On the first he found almost all the fish were eight years old. On the second they were eleven years old, while on the third fifteen-year-old fish predominated vastly. All of which appeared to show that certain definite schools of fish belonged to individual banks.

Determining the age of halibut is quite a feat of fish science. The halibut keeps his birth register neatly inscribed behind his ear. It is bred in the bone. Remove this little bone, carefully shave it down to the thickness of a sheet of mica and by holding it to the light you may with the proper instruments count the number of annual rings recorded there just as you would in determining the age of a tree.

His report will be published in the provincial printing bureau.

AMERICAN SETTLERS ARE SATISFIED WITH PEACE RIVER COUNTRY

Edmonton, July 21.—J. E. George, immigration inspector for Alberta, is authority for the statement that although fewer immigrants are coming into Canada as a whole than for the past few years, there are larger numbers than ever going into the Peace River country.

The fact that immigration is lighter this year than usual he does not look to with apprehension, as the United States experienced similar fluctuations during the years that it counted on its population being added to by outside immigration to a great extent.

Mr. George states that the settlers in the Dominion from the States, particularly those who have gone into the Peace River country, are very well satisfied with conditions as they have found them.

Southbound

Passengers on the Princess Alice sailing Saturday were:—T. D. Prettie, A. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sawle, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Allen, Walter Borne, A. J. Levy, D. Brown, Wm. Brown, S. P. McMorde, Mr. and Mrs. Cambie, R. G. Barrum, W. Matheson, A. Golette, T. Antipose, F. G. Parker, W. J. McAfee, N. Foran, G. W. Tornroos, S. Jervelin, R. Tarants.

Those leaving on the Princess Beatrice Sunday evening were:—A. Thompson, Thos. Wilson, J. A. Collins, G. D. Bain, Mr. and Mrs. H. Nelson.



THE BIG FOUR OF THE SHAMROCK IV.

Sir Thomas Lipton, owner; Mr. Nicholson, designer; Captain Burton, skipper; and Duncan Hill, who will sail the challenger for the America Cup across the Atlantic.

WHAT HAS BOWSER TO DO WITH THE ROADS?

Question on Timely Topic From Bella Coola Courier

The following extract is from the Bella Coola Courier:—

Attorney-General Bowser and Hon. W. R. Ross, Minister of Lands, have started out on a tour of Northern and Central British Columbia.

The purpose of this tour, according to the Conservative press, is to enable Mr. Bowser "to get fully into touch with Northern affairs and conditions, to meet the people and find out personally the worthiness of the various demands made by the Northern districts on the Government."

So Mr. Bowser is to be the judge as to the worthiness or unworthiness of any request from the North on the Government. At the same time it is admitted that he is completely out of touch with conditions in this part of the Province. For instance, fancy Mr. Bowser coming to Bella Coola (of course he will not) and after spending at the most one

day in our valley, condemning one of our most needed requirements as an unworthy demand on the Government. He is going to meet the people and find out personally.

We would like to know what our affairs have to do with Mr. Bowser personally? We have a local representative whose duty it is to meet the people, study their requirements, and to make their needs known to the Government. Are we to understand that Mr. Bowser has no confidence in our local representative? It certainly appears that way to us. It was generally understood that the visit of Mr. Griffith, Deputy Minister of Public Works, to various parts of the country was for expressly the same purpose. It would appear that he did not stand very high in the estimation of Mr. Bowser, either.

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